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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Swatow, Drown & Co. Amoy, Gilks & Co. Foochow, Thompson & Co. Shanghai, H. Pogo & Co. Macao, Shanghai, H. Pogo & Co.

Arrivals.

May 30, at 7 p.m., United Service, Brit. steamer, 650, Sticks, Shanghai, May 27, General.—W. P. P. & Co. May 31, Gazelle, Brit. steamer, 542, Morrison, Shanghai, May 27, General.—A. HEARD & Co. May 31, Maria, North German brig, 216, Benzen, Macassar via Macao, April 5 and May 30, Ballast.—Stensen & Co.

Departures.

May 31, Maria, for Canton. June 1, Golden Spar, for Whampoa. 1, Robert Peter, for Manila. 1, Orest, for Bangkok.

Passenger.

Per Maria.—Mr. Stork. Per United Service.—33 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The British steamer *Mona*, from Shanghai, reports: experienced fine weather and light N.E. and E. winds during the first part of the passage; the latter part unobscured breeze from S.E. and fine weather until arrival.

The British steamer *United Service* left Shanghai at 4.45 a.m., on Wednesday, the 27th, with the steamer *Mona* in company, at 10.45 a.m., aboat of Cuttack Island. At 3 p.m., same day, sighted a steamer with signals flying, and found the steamship *China* and H.L.M.'s gun-boat *Scorpion*, at anchor by the steamer *Buenaes*, which vessel was on shore on the Western Island of the Fisherman's Group, and it is feared will become a total wreck. Waited to receive mails and passengers from the *Buenaes*, and at 5 p.m. proceeded on our voyage. Same night passed a steamer, supposed to be the *Brit King*, off Kowloon Island. On 28th, at 6 p.m., passed a steamer, supposed to be H.M.S. *Basilik*, off Tung Ming, steering to the Southward; on 29th, at 4 p.m., off Chapel Island, passed the steamer *Glengyle* bound North.

For further Arrivals, New Advertisements, &c., &c., see 2nd page.

New Advertisements.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER. The Japanese barque "OIVARI," Capt. Whornt, of about 8,000 piculs capacity. Apply to MORAN, LAMBERT & Co. Hongkong, May 30, 1868.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the "Messageries Impériales" will be REMOVED on the 15th instant, to the premises of Messrs JOHN BURN & Co. on the PRINCE OF WALES STREET. C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

MR. R. A. H. TOLLIER, GLAZENKAMP, being from this date interested in our Firm, will sign the same per procurator. REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

WE have established Mr. J. R. CUNNINGHAM as our Agent in Amoy and all business addressed to his care comes under our control. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

\$50 REWARD. LOST or STOLEN, from the Residence of Mr. ALAN, Morrison Hill, on the 26th ultimo, Four Sets of GOLD SHIRT STUDS, value £40.

One Set, in Morocco Case, with Blue Enamel Squares, and nine Brilliants in each. One Set of Japanese, in Bronze. One Set of Coral. One Set of Chain Gold. The above missed shortly after the Auction which took place at Mr. ALAN's residence on the 26th ultimo. \$50 Reward will be paid either for the recovery of the Studs, or the conviction of the thieves. Information to be given to Inspector Grimes, Wanchi Police Station, or to the Superintendent of Police at the Central Station. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

New Advertisements.

JUST PUBLISHED. NEW ENGLISH & CHINESE LEXICON, compiled principally from the larger Works of MORRISON, MEDHURST and WILLIAMS, BY KWONG TSUN FUK. For Sale at the Nam Sing Shop, Queen's Road Central. Price, \$5 each. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

MANGOES, MANGOES, MANGOES. O'arrive shortly, a small lot of Pickled Manila MANGOES. Orders to be sent to Edmund R. Holmes, Stag Hotel. Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

JUST ARRIVED. 100 CASES CLARET, St. Estephe, \$5 per dozen. Chateau Margaux Dessert CLARET, No. 1, \$14. Chateau Margaux Dessert CLARET, No. 2, \$9. CLARETS, superior quality in wood cask, 40 gallons, \$45.

MEDOC, a light breakfast CLARET, bottled by ourselves in Hongkong, each bottle bearing a Seal with the word "Medoc," \$4 per dozen. Apply to G. DUBOST & Co. Hongkong, May 28, 1868.

MR GLASSE begs to inform his Patrons M and the Public that he has just RECEIVED a new American SODA WATER FOUNTAIN in anticipation of the hot Season just at hand. TONIC DRINKS and beverages ICE COLD and flavoured with all the various Fruit Syrups of the purest kind at any moment be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. Hongkong, April 16, 1868.

CHOICE BALDWIN APPLES, \$0.75 PER DOZEN. For Home. May 19th, 1868.

FOR SALE. Ex "MOBILE" and other late Arrivals. 100 BARRELS Hamburg Prime Mess BEEF. 100 barrels Hamburg Prime Mess PORK. A well assorted Invoice of Roth's Prime quality Russian ROPE, BOLTROPE, Seizing STUFF, HOUSELINE, MARLINE, LOGLINES, Signal HALLYARDS, SPUN YARN, &c. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE. Just landed from Sydney ex "ALPONSE and NELLIE." A PAIR of Grey Australian COBS, perfectly tame and well broken to Saddle and Harness. The same are now on view at Mr. BURNER'S Stables. Apply to CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, May 25, 1868.

RECEIVED PER S.S. "CHINA," From San Francisco and now selling at THE "MEDICAL HALL," Queen's Road. Eau de Cologne Pts. and Qts., (Wright & Co.'s Philadelphia) Osgood's India Chologogue. Brown's Troches. Brown's Essence Jamaica Ginger, French's Bay Rum, (True). Townsend's Sarsaparilla. Bristol's Sarsaparilla, and Helms' Extract Buchu, &c. etc. Sole Agency in Hongkong for the sale of the following: Ayers Sarsaparilla. Pills. Cherry Pectoral. Dr. D. James Family Medicines. Perry Davis Pain Killer, and China Laxative. Hongkong, May 21, 1868.

FOR SALE. Ex "ESTAFETTE" and other Arrivals. GENUINE A.V.H. GIN in red cases, 15 squares. GENUINE A.V.H. GIN, in white bottles. Palm-tree Brand GIN, in 15 squares. Dutch OURACOA, in stone bottles. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

FOR SALE. Ex "BELTED WILLY," "CHUSAN," &c., &c. BASS'S ALE in hogsheads and kilderkins. BARRY'S STOUT in bottle, quarts and pints. Guinness's STOUT in bottle, quarts and pints. Hennessy's Pale Old BRANDY. Old Tom GIN. Dinner SHERRIES from \$6 upwards. Fine Old PORT. Ginger WINE, Ginger BRANDY and Orange BITTERS. HAMS, CHEESE and OILMAN'S STORES. At LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE, in 2 Volumes, by Revd. J. J. DOOLITTLE, is For Sale at Messrs LANE, Crawford & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai. Price, \$5.00. Hongkong, March 20, 1868.

FOR SALE. 150 CASES MARTINEZ Aromatic BITTERS, superior quality. 100 cases SHERRY. 100 " PORT. MULLER & CLAUSSEN. Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

New Advertisements.

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF HONG KONG, &c., &c. MESSRS FLOYD & Co., are now publishing a series of Views of Hongkong, Macao, Canton, Amoy, Swatow and Fochow, in two parts. These Photographs are produced by new Optical Instruments, by the best Opticians of the day, and include an angle of 100 degrees, or three times the amount of subject of the ordinary lenses now in use in the East, hence the unnecessary joining to make a complete picture. We intend to reduce the price to about 60 per cent. (to Subscribers only) from our usual selling prices.

Gentlemen wishing to subscribe will please call at our Establishment, where the Photographs can be inspected and further particulars ascertained. Hongkong, 21st May, 1868.

PIANO-FORTE. A GENTLEMAN, Pupil of Julius Bud-doe, Charles, Elissner and other eminent musicians, has lately arrived from Melbourne, and is prepared to give instruction in the Piano-Forte. Address L. L. "China Mail" Office. Hongkong, May 21, 1868.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned having PURCHASED the interest of the "Wanchi Steam Bakery," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD in various forms, to any part of the Colony.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at low rates constantly on hand or baked in quantities at short notice. Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound. Also Corn and Rye MEAL, ROMINY, CORN STARCH, RICAR'S, SODA, Salebrins and Cream TARTAR. FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound. CAKE of all kinds baked to order. The above is under the Superintendence of Mr. JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at Messrs THOS. HUNT & Co.'s will receive prompt attention. L. P. WARD. Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

A GENTLEMAN of eight years business experience in China, who is also a competent Book-keeper, is desirous of obtaining an EMPLOYMENT on moderate terms. Good references can be given. Address "H. C. O." Office of this paper. Hongkong, May 27, 1868.

WANTED, an experienced SURGEON to the S.S. "AGAMEMNON," bound to London, expected here in the end of June. For particulars as to remuneration, &c., apply to BIRLEY & Co. Hongkong, May 26, 1868.

MRS. VINTON'S PRIVATE FAMILY BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, Hollywood Road, next door to the Hotel de Europe. Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

C. L. VOLKMAN, Private Boarding Establishment. 29, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, HONGKONG. Hongkong, January 7, 1868.

NOTICE. MR. BENJAMIN ROBERT STANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868. J. McDONALD & Co., Shipwrights. Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

Auctions. PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs TURNER & Co. to sell by Public Auction on the 10th June next, at Noon, The British ship "NEVILLE," 830 Tons Register, with her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, as she now lies in this harbor. The sale will take place on board. Inventory and further particulars can be obtained on application to Messrs Turner & Co., or the Captain on board.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer and balance on completion of transfer. The Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on fall of the hammer. W. N. MIDDLETON, Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 30, 1868.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, on FRIDAY, 5th June, 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M. A quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Brass Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Conches, Wines, Books, Watches, Jewellery, Glassware, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan Chairs, Saddlery. A fast pulling Gig, Iron Davits, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Hongkong, May 29, 1868.

Auctions.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Quarters of Inspector CHRONIN, Central Station, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd June, at 11 o'clock A.M.

His Household FURNITURE, comprising: Tables, Conches, Sideboard, Pictures, Chest Drawers, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Hongkong, May 29, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION. GENERAL WEEKLY SALE. LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 2nd June, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

An Invoice of Cloth, Shoe, Tooth, and Nail Brushes, galvanized Combs, letter and writing cases, Foot Rules, Writing Ink, Inkstands, Pocket Knives on cards, Telescopes, Field and Opera-glasses, Tea Bells, bronze Mirrors, &c., &c. One case of assorted Hosiery, containing Men's white cotton Half-hose, fine and superfine ditto, fine brown, and fancy striped cotton ditto, brown China striped, &c., &c. One case containing assorted Silk Ties, black and fancy, linen Collars, Colonial Collars, &c., &c.

50 pieces fine brown Hollands, 20 pos. black Alpaca, 100 dozen white linen Handkerchiefs, 5 cases Bryant and May's Safety Matches, 50 boxes Sperm Candles, 100 dozen assorted Candles and Planes, 14 cases short Caribbes, 120 brass Bullet-nipples, 10 doz. English-made Silk Umbrellas, 150 dozen woman's white cotton Hose, 1 ton Hubbuck's best White Zinc, 10 cwt. Hubbuck's Yellow Paint, 50 drums boiled Linseed Oil, 50 bolts Canvas, No. 1 to 5, 100 boxes Yellow Soap, 50 boxes Cherry Cordial, 100 cases Schiedam Gin, large bottles, 60 cases Old Tom, 50 cases Old Martell's Brandy, 50 cases Hennessy's Brandy, 40 cases India Pale Ale, 65 cases Claret Medoc, and a variety of other goods.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Hongkong, May 30, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 4th June, at the Auction Mart o Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Queen's Road, at 3 p.m.

The Property at Pokfulam, known as Messrs DENT & Co.'s BUNGALOW, consisting of Farm Lots, Nos. 16 and 28, comprising 10½ acres, together with a Six-roomed House, Out Offices and commodious Stabling erected thereon. For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned. TERMS OF SALE.—One third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, and balance on completion of Transfer. The Property to be at risk of purchaser on fall of the hammer. W. N. MIDDLETON, Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 27, 1868.

Banks. HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

COUNT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman.—GEORGE JOHN HELLAND, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—GEO. F. HEARD, Esq. W. H. FORSTER, JR., Esq. J. J. MURPHY, Esq. JAMES B. TAYLOR, Esq. SOLOMON D. SARASON, Esq. WILLIAM LEMANN, Esq. JAS. P. DUNCANSON, Esq. A. JOSE, Esq. Managers. Victor KRESSER, Esq. Chief Manager. DAVID MACLEAN, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " " LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House, No. 1, Queen's Road, Hongkong, March 2, 1868.



THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK. STEAMERS of this line will leave Hongkong for Yokohama and San Francisco as follows: NEW YORK, on or about July 15. Captain—

On the same date, connecting at Yokohama with above-named steamer. Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, the Atlantic States, and to England or France, both via New York and by lines from Panama and Aspinwall.

Return tickets issued at a reduction of 10% upon the whole amount for the round voyage. Connections are made at Panama with Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, at Aspinwall with the "Royal West India Mail Line," "West India and Pacific Steamship Company" (Limited) and the "French Transatlantic Company." And, at New York, with the various lines to Europe. Tickets issued for the following Steamship Lines: Cunard, Inman, National, General Transatlantic Co., New York and Havre Steamship Co., Hamburg and American Packet Co., New York and Bremen Steamship Co., and North German Lloyd.

Favorable arrangements have been made for through passengers and freight to America, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, and, from Swatow, Amoy and Fochow. Through Bills of Lading given for Ports of Mexico and on the West Coast of Central and South America to as far as Valparaiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton and St. Nazaire, France.

For further information, apply at the Agency of the Company, Praya West. GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent. Hongkong, May 27, 1868.

STEAM TUGS. NOTICE. THE STEAM TUG "ISLAND QUEEN," 130 H. P. Nominal, will commence to ply on the River Min and adjacent waters early in the spring, and will then be available to berth ships at the anchorage, and to tow to, and from, sea at usual rates. For further information, apply to Messrs E. H. How & Co., Fochow, or to the Undersigned.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

NOTICE. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED. STEAM-TUG "FAME," 110 H. P. NOMINAL. With disconnecting Engines.

HIS Powerful TUG is available at any moment to Berth Vessels in Harbour, or Tow them to or from Sea. For particulars, apply to the Captain on board, or to the Office of the Company, d'Agular Street, Hongkong. JOHN S. LAPRAIK, Secretary. Hongkong, October 13, 1866.

Shipping. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. (To follow the "WM. CHANDLER.") The A 1 British Barque "JEANNIE BERTHAUX," 598 Tons Register, HARRISON, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BOSMAN & Co. Hongkong, May 28, 1868.

FOR YOKOHAMA. The A 1 British barque "LY-EE-MOON," will have immediate despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, May 28, 1868.

FOR NAGASAKI. The British schooner "BOB TAIL NAG," will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 14-years ship "CARMARTHENSHIRE," will be despatched for the above port early in June, and is prepared to accept a limited amount of Cargo.

Apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, May 23, 1868.

FOR LONDON. The British ship "FALCON," Capt. J. GERN, will load at Whampoa and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, May 21, 1868.

Shipping.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British ship "WILLIAM CHANDLER," 705 Tons Register, Brown Master, will load as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BOSMAN & Co. Hongkong, May 11, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The American ship "MIDNIGHT," will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The British ship "JOHN L. DIMMOCK," will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 23, 1868.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The British barque "PARRAMATTA," Captain Andrews, will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

FOR VICTORIA & PORT TOWNSEND. (Puget Sound.) The British Ship "SARAH MARCH," Captain MORRIS, will have early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 6, 1868.

FOR LONDON. The Ocean Steamship Co.'s Steamer "AGAMEMNON" or "ACHILLES"

of 1,550 Tons Register, will load New Tens at Fochow and be despatched shortly after the Clippers. The steamer will call here for one day only.

Applications for space from this to be made immediately, and Shipping Orders will be granted to applicants, should there be room on arrival in the order of their application, and according to the nature of their Cargo.

Rate of Freight, £6.6 per ton of 40 cubic feet. BIRLEY & Co. Hongkong, May 15, 1868.

FOR SALE FREIGHT OR CHARTER. The Tahitian steamer "TITAU," Capt. CLARK of about 1000 tons Capacity.

For further particulars, apply to AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Hongkong, May 21, 1868.

Noices to Consignees. "PETER DENNY," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense by J. K. LIND, M. THESON & Co. Hongkong, May 30, 1868.

"WINDWARD," FROM NEW YORK. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Those having the option of delivery at this or Shanghai are requested to state at once, at which port delivery will be taken. Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, May 5, 1868.

"OWARI," FROM NAGASAKI. CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

JOHN BURD & Co. Hongkong, May 27, 1868.

"CHUSAN," FROM LONDON. THE above Vessel having arrived in Harbor, Consignees are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at owners' risk and expense. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, May 21, 1868.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Tigre," 6th December, 1867. 1 Basket Feathers.

Ex "Donnai," 7th January, 1868. 1 Case Paper.

ST 531. De Rosang. 1 Parcel Gold.

O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent. Hongkong, May 15, 1868.

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Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Swatow, &c.	

Callao	
Nagasaki	Immediate
Manila	

San Francisco	Immediate
San Francisco	
Foochow	
Yokohama	
Saigon	

San Francisco	Early
Nicolajefsk	
Foochow	
Manila	

San Francisco	Immediate
Manila	
Puget Sound	Immediate

San Francisco	Early
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Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Hamburg	Early
London	Early
Ningpo	
Chiefo	
Hamburg	Early
Shanghai	Early
London	

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London	Early
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Shanghai	Early
London	

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Hamburg	Early
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Hamburg	Early
Shanghai	Early
London	

ion.	Consignees or Agents.
	Jardine, Mathewson & Co Captain Gilman & Co Gibb, Livingston & Co Order Blain & Co Frazar & Co Order Russell & Co

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. ROBERT B. PARKER in our Firm, ceased on the 31st March, 1868.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm, ceased on the 1st day of November, 1866.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.
The Business will be henceforth carried on under the same name by the Undersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL,
J. D. MEYERS, and
HENRY FEILERS.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our Firm, ceased on the 1st January, 1866.
ROSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.
I have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co.
(Sd.) W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
The connection of the Undersigned with the Firm of Messrs. THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. FERDINAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH HOPF have been authorized to sign our Firm here and in China from this date.
NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. FERDINAND NISSEN in our Firm, ceased on the 30th April last.
The Business will in future be conducted under the style and firm of
NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Ningpo, May 9, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS PYLE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.
BILLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
Y. Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, etc. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or firm of J. S. Hook, Brok & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month.
Apply to the Victoria Foundry.
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

TO LET.
OUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Office of the Undersigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs. C. HOOK & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.
For Terms, &c., apply to
G. DUBOIS & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.
Apply to
GAVIN THOMPSON,
at GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

TO LET.
THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. R. MASON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MASON at the Albany.
Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
THE whole of the Second Floor now occupied by the Undersigned, situated at Peddar's Wharf, comprising Dining Room and Pantry and fifteen Bed Rooms.
Also,
One half of the First Floor suitable for Offices.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, May 13, 1868.

TWO HOUSES TO BE LET.
RECENTLY put in thorough Repair, situated on the Rise of THE HILL, Westward, and an easy distance from the Queen's Road. Apply to
MR. BARRINGTON.
Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, May 13, 1868.

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CAN be had in First Class Granite Godowns at Wanchai, on very moderate Terms.
For particulars, apply to
CHARLES RIVINGTON,
At Messrs. LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Office, Stanley Street.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

TO BE LET.
HOUSE in Queen's Road, commanding a good view of the Harbour from the North side. The House contains eight good Rooms with Bath Rooms, Verandahs, front and back, Kitchens, Servants' Rooms and Godowns on ground Floor.
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Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

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THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs. ARNOLD, KARRER & Co., consisting of Dwelling House, Office, and spacious Godowns.
Possession to be had on the 1st March.
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Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

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FOR SALE.
CHAMPAGNE, Adolphe Collius and L. Jauvray & Co.'s Association Vins-cués.
CLARET, real Chateau Margaux.
Haut Bages.
L. Esparto Duroc.
BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martell's in 1 dozen cases.
BEER and PORTER in bottle.
BUTTER (Platte) in kegs.
Also,
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.
Apply to
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Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

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FEW Sifted Carbon FILTERS of various Sizes and Patterns.
Hip Shower BATHS.
RAY & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
YELLOW METAL, 13 to 28 oz. Muntz and Vivian.
JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, April 5, 1867.

FOR SALE.
JUST LANDED.
A splendid assortment of genuine Havana CIGARS.
BIRLEFIELD and ZACHARIAE.
Hongkong, April 29, 1868.

ATHAM'S BRANDY in 1 doz. cases.
" SHERRY " 3 "
" PORT " 2 "
" CLARET " 1 "
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, April 9, 1867.

FOR SALE.
Just Arrived.
BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.
Address "A." Office of this paper.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
3rd June, 1868, at Noon,
The following new Superior GOODS ex "ACHILLES," viz., Fancy Poplins, Melton Cloths, Norwich Twill, Cotton Socks and Stockings, Assorted Alpaca, Black Broad Cloth, Huckleback Towels, Shirts, Neckties, Shirt Collars, Gloves, Silk Umbrellas, Oil Cloth, Velvet, Etc., Etc.

Also,
Sundry Household FURNITURE and PICTURES, &c., the property of an Officer who is leaving the Colony.
TENDERS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been favored with instructions from Messrs. DENT & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
6th June, 1868, at from 3 to 4 p.m.,
The whole of the Household FURNITURE in their Bungalow, Pokfulam.
The sale to be held on the Premises.
TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, May 11, 1868.

New Advertisements.

\$500.
FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.
THE Directors of the Union Dock Company of Hongkong & WHAMPOA, LIMITED, will pay the above amount to any person or persons who can give such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the parties implicated in the attempt to BLOW UP the Company's Office, (in the Hongkong Hotel Building), on Sunday, the 31st day of May last.
Information to be given to Mr. H. C. CALDWELL, Solicitor to the Company, or W. M. DEANE, Esq., Captain Superintendent of Police.
V. KRESSER,
Chairman.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.
The departure of the S. S. "YESSO," is postponed until To-morrow, the 2nd proximo, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steam-Ship "ADEN," will leave for the above places about 24 hours after the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steam-Ship "FORMOSA," will leave for the above port on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd instant, at 10 A.M.
W. MACAULAY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

FOR SALE.
CABRIOLET PHAETON, with driving seat in front, Fashionable SHAPE, HOOD, LAMPS, &c., a very Handsome CARRIAGE.
Apply to
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Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

YOUNG Englishman aged 21 just arrived is desirous of EMPLOYMENT of any kind. Understands Book-keeping, Shipping Business and is a good correspondent.
Address "J. R. H." care of China Mail Office.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.
(Established 1st January, 1863.)
Capital, Tls. 1,500,000, in 1,500 SHARES, FOR Tls. 1,000 EACH.
Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000, or Tls. 200 per Share.
W. J. BRYAN, Esq., Chairman.
(Messrs. TURNER & Co.)
F. H. BELL, Esq.
(Messrs. W. R. ADAMSON & Co.)
A. MICHIE, Esq.
(Messrs. CHAPMAN, KING & Co.)
R. H. LAYNES, Esq.
(Messrs. GILMAN & Co.)
F. PORTER, Esq.
(Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.)
A General meeting held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1868, the following Resolutions were passed, relative to the continuance of the Company for a further period of three years from the 1st January, 1869; and Notice is hereby given that applications for Shares in the annexed Form will be received at the Offices of the Company until 31st October, 1868.
Applications for Shares from Persons not resident in Shanghai, must be accompanied by a Power of Attorney to their Agents to sign the Deed of Settlement on their behalf and generally to represent them in all matters connected with the Company.
In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of 18th November, 1867, a separate Office of the Company will be opened in London, on 1st January, 1869.
By order of the Court of Directors,
JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.
Shanghai, May 15, 1868.
Form of Application for Shares.
To the Provisional Committee of the North China Insurance Company.
GENTLEMEN,
I hereby request that you will allot to Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares, or any less number you may allot to; and agree to pay the first call of Tls. 200 per Share, and all subsequent calls, and to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement whenever required to do so.
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
Resolutions referred to above.
RES. I.—That a Company to be called "The North-China Insurance Company" shall be formed for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1869 to 31st Dec. 1871.
RES. II.—That the Directors for the time being of the present Company be appointed to be not a Provisional Committee to organize the new Company.
RES. III.—That this meeting recommends that the Provisional Committee should adopt as the basis of the new Company that the capital should be 1,500,000 in 1,500 Shares of Tls. 1,000 each; Paid up Capital, Tls. 300,000 or Tls. 200 per Share, and that the Committee be authorized to issue a prospectus inviting applications for Shares and to proceed with the allotment. 3109

New Advertisements.

KÖNIGLICH PREUSSISCHES CONSULAT.
HONGKONG, den 6ten April, 1868.
Die nachstehende Bekanntmachung des Königlich Preussischen General-Consulats zu Schanghai bringt hiernach zur Kunde der Unterthanen der Norddeutschen Bundesstaaten.
J. MENKE,
Stellvertretender Königlich Preussischer Consul.

BEKANNTMACHUNG.
NACH dem Norddeutschen Bundes-Gesetz vom 25ten October 1867 haben alle Kauffahrtschiffe der Bundesstaaten, also namentlich die Preussischen, Mecklenburgischen, Oldenburgischen und der Städte Bremen, Hamburg und Lübeck vom 1ten April 1868 ab als Nationalflagge ausschliesslich die Bundesflagge zu führen.
Dieselbe bildet nach der Königlich im Namen des Bundes erlassenen Verordnung vom 25ten October 1867 ein längliches Rechteck, bestehend aus drei gleichbreiten horizontalen Streifen, von welchen der obere schwarz, der mittlere weiss und der untere roth ist. Das Verhältniss der Höhe der Flagge zur Länge ist wie zwei zu drei. Die Bundesflagge wird von den Schiffen an Heck oder am hinteren Mast—und zwar in der Regel an der Gaffel dieses Mastes, in Ermangelung einer solchen aber am Top oder am Wangt geführt. Ein besonderes Abzeichen der Bundesflagge oder eines Wimpel zu führen, welcher die Bundesflagge des Norddeutschen Bundes, ist den Kauffahrtschiffen nicht gestattet.
Die Loosensflagge der Norddeutschen ist die neue Bundesflagge im kleinen Format, rings umgeben von einem weissen Streifen, dessen Breite gleich der der inneren Streifen ist.
Die Kauffahrtschiffe haben die Bundesflagge stets zu führen, sobald sie ein Schiff oder Fahrzeug der Bundesflaggenation, eine Fregatte oder ein Kistenboot passieren, welche ihre Nationalflagge gesetzt haben. Dasselbe gilt bei der Begegnung mit Kriegsschiffen befreundeter Mächte auf See.
Nach § 18 des Flaggengesetzes genügen die bisher von den einzelnen Landesbehörden erteilten Certificate auch zur Führung der Bundesflagge. Alle nur mit interinistischen Consulats-Certificate versehenen norddeutschen Schiffe haben indessen sofort ihre Eintragung in der Heimath zu bewirken.
Königlich Preussisches General-Consulat.
TETTENBORN.
Shanghai, den 31sten März, 1868.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
The Mails for SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCOW, per "YESSO," will be closed at 11 A.M. To-morrow, the 2nd instant, instead of at the time previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.
For SAN FRANCISCO, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For SAN FRANCISCO, on Thursday, the 4th instant, at 3 P.M.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW, on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, at 9 A.M.
For SHANGHAI, on Wednesday next, the 3rd instant, at 9 A.M.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For San Francisco, per "Paramatta," on Wednesday, the 3rd instant.
For San Francisco, per "John L. Dimmock," on Thursday, the 4th instant.
For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per "Yesso," on Tuesday next, the 2nd instant, at Noon.
For Shanghai, per "Formosa," on Wednesday next, the 3rd instant, at 10 A.M.

LATEST SHIPPING.
DEPARTURE.
June 1, United States, for Canton.
CLEARED.
Nesutan, for Manila.
Ezcomor, for Foochow.
Tony, for Macao.

(From the Canton Customs Daily Returns.)
Summary of Imports and Exports by the Native Craft during the week ended 24th May.
Imported from Hongkong:—
702 piculs and 488 packages Alum.
41 packages Beet-root.
38 packages Bicho-de-mer.
800 Barrels.
38 packages Canees.
38 packages Cardamoms.
181 packages Copper Cash.
504 packages Chaff.
9,000 Cocanants.
255 packages Coffee.
207 bales Cotton.
43 packages Cotton Rags.
50 packages Cattle Fish.
678 packages Salted Fish.
159 packages Fish Maws.
82 packages Flour.
181 packages Flint.
149 packages Window Glass.
39 packages Broken Glass.
107 packages Glue.
32 packages Gum.
369 piculs and 22 packages Buffalo Horns.
950 pieces Hides.
932 piculs Manure Bark.
214 packages Medicines.
1,520 packages, 702 pieces and 11 piculs Nail-Rod Iron, Bars and Hoops.
120 packages Old Copper.
56 packages Old Sheets.
91 packages Old Iron.
37 packages Iron Wire.
616 piculs Manure Cakes.
60 packages Mats.
48 packages Dried Mussels.
6,044 piculs and 288 packages Peas.
104 Pigs.
216 pieces Hardwood Planks.
80 packages Persimmons.
3,408 piculs and 1,872 piculs Rattans.
2,251 pieces and 28 piculs Sandalwood.
1,520 piculs and 120 piculs Sapanwood.
85,345 bags Rice.
1,201 packages Jessamine Seeds.
1,603 piculs and 121 piculs Stock Fish.
203 packages Sea Weed.
49 packages Sea Dittuber.
63 pieces and 8 piculs Shirts.
301 packages Quartz.
31 piculs Tin.
102 packages Tobacco.
139 packages Salted Turnip.
238 packages Dried Vegetables.
24 pieces Red Wood.
337 piculs and 425 pieces Sundries.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 1st June, 1868.
OPPIUM.—Patna, New, ... \$655
Old, ...
Benares, New, ... 640
Malwa, ... 657 1/2
COTTON.—BOMBAY, ... 23
CALCUTTA, ... 20 1/2

Exchange.
Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 4/5 1/2 a 4/5 1/2
Credits, ... 4/6 a 4/6 1/2
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 22 1/2 a 22 1/2
Bomlay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 219 a 219 1/2
Shanghai, 3 days' sight, Bank, Tls. 72 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., 11 1/2 a 11 1/2 per c. pre.
Sycee, ... 9 1/2 per c. pre.
Mexicans, ... 24.00 per tl.
Gold Leaf, ... 23.60 a 23 7/10
English Sovereigns, ... 4 7/8
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4 7/8
Discount, ... 10
H. & W. pos. dook, Old 14 per cent pm.
Do. do. New, 6 per cent pm.
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 19 per cent pm.
Do. do. New, 3 1/2 a 3 1/2
Hong Kong Hotel Shares, 32 per cent dis.
Union Dock Shares, ... 20 per c. dis.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 1st June, 1868.
Barometer, ... 9 A.M. 29.984 3 P.M. 29.896
Attached Thermometer, ... 77 80
Dry Bulb, ... 78.0 79.0
Wet Bulb, ... 76.0 76.0
Maximum S. Bar., ... 80.0
Minimum S. Bar., ... 76.0
Max. Sun's Rays, ... 85
Minimum on Grass, ... 75.0
Previous Rain or Snow, 0.20
24 hours (), above, ... 0.10
Wind, ... S.E. S.E.
Force, ... 1 1
Cloud, ... 10 9
Ozone, ... 5 4
Weather, ... Wet. Wet.

BIRTH.
On the 31st May, at Spring Gardens, the Wife of S. SKEENE, of a Daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1868.

CHINESE CASH.
PRESSURE on our space has hitherto prevented our noticing the unpropitious, but suggestive, little pamphlet published by Mr. Kingsmill on the subject of "Copper Cash and the Tea Trade." Confining our present remarks to his observation on the gradual deterioration and present baseness of the only standard coinage of the Empire, we will endeavor to give some idea of the statements he makes and the deductions at which he arrives.

Referring to the oft repeated proclamations put forth by the authorities forbidding the debasement of the coinage, he truly observes that the penalties threatened must of necessity remain a dead letter, so long as the government itself neglects to furnish a proper supply of coin for the requirements of its subjects. Now the want of anything like a fixed standard of weight and value, or rather the neglect to enforce the regulations originally laid down under this head, has been at the root of the evil complained of, and Mr. Kingsmill seeks a standard amongst the currency issued during the reign of Kiongliang in 1735. He finds the average weight of the cash then issued to be Tien 1.13, probably allowing for wear and tear, intended to be Tien 1.15. The average of the cash coined before 1820 and known as "Hankow picked" is however slightly under Tien 1.00, while that known as Chinkiang weighs from Tien 0.940 to 0.943 and the ordinary cash in use at Shanghai averages but Tien 0.78! Assuming a standard of Tien 1.0, Mr. Kingsmill finds that the price at which it would pay to issue a new coinage would be about Tael 0.675, and points out the necessity of our urging upon the Chinese Government the proper regulation of this question. "In this doing," he says—

"We shall be inflicting no hardships, nor even requiring it to adopt a new course. The example of Kiang's reign may very well be adopted as a starting point for a thorough reform of the currency. We find at that time that some twenty mints were established in the provinces, under the presidency of the Board of Revenue; pattern cash were issued at the Capital, a certain standard of weight and fineness was fixed, and a general supervision over the issue exercised; each coin bore, both in Chinese and Manchu, its mint mark; and here at once a check on fraudulent practices was afforded. With the suppression of the Chinese mint mark in the following reign, the process of degradation seems to have begun, which has continually increased down to the present day. As communication between the provinces is now so much improved there does not seem a need of so many mints; three or four established at the chief centers of traffic or government—say one at Peking; others at Nanking for the Kiang provinces; at Wuchang, for the Huang and Szechuen; at Taiyuan, for the North West; and at Foochow or Canton for the South, would amply meet the requirement of the case. As even more than in the Customs service, a perfect and complete check is necessary a staff of foreign assayers would be advisable; it would also be necessary to restore the old Chinese mint mark, and still further to afford a ready means of correcting irregularity, to cause the name of the mint master for the time being to be marked also in Chinese characters."

Here in Hongkong our interest in the cash question, though considerable as affecting the trade at the ports, comes less home to us than to residents in China, on account of our partially possessing a silver coinage of the necessary smaller denominations. As regards silver however we share with our friends the inconvenience of chop-dollars and sycee—especially as the few Hongkong dollars will be speedily melted down. And we turn with much interest to Mr. Kingsmill's conclusion.

Another means, therefore, and I believe the suggestion is a new one, offers itself to my mind. The establishment of a mint for copper with a staff of assayers would naturally lead to a junction with the present Kung-ku, and a reform in the present present crude manner of assaying silver. Without, therefore, interfering with the present system of sycee as a wholesale medium, a subsidiary coinage of silver of a fineness, say agreeing with the present Shanghai standard, could at once be issued; founding this on the value of the lower coin, the real current coin, of the realm, such as I have shown above lies really at the bottom of most mercantile transactions, we find that a coin equivalent to 1,000 cash should weigh in Shanghai sycee Tls. 0.675. If such a coin were made exchangeable at all times at the Government mint for its equivalent in copper cash, much of the difficulties connected with the present fluctuations of exchange would be done away with, while its aliquot parts would afford a ready remedy for the inconveniences suffered through the inconvenient weight of small sums in copper cash.

But we fear that to this proposition the old objection will arise. Any coinage will cost money, and the Chinese will not pay value for the convenience. A tael coin must be a tael in weight and value precisely as is the crude lump of silver. We can think of but one suggestion which might partly meet the requirements of the case—viz., to induce the Chinese government to issue a crude coinage similar to the Siamese tael, which until lately consisted of a lump of metal of the exact weight, stamped with the government mark. This would not enable us to dispense with the weighing scale, but would be of great practical use as doing away with the irritating and uncertain process of cutting silver to make small sums. The expense of such a measure would be so slight as to recommend it probably even to the Chinese. Siam has now passed from the "lump" to the flat tael—a sort of elementary coin—and thence to the native dollar more or less resembling our own; and China if she once adopted the "lump" tael or dollar might in time pass through a similar process.

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The chief difficulty in the way is the apparent absence of motive as regards the office itself. No money was kept there, the books placed over the powder were unimportant, and the amount used—especially from the clumsy way in which it was applied—was insufficient to do more than damage the room. Yet, unless the destruction of the Hotel was anticipated, it is difficult to see any other motive. The enquiry, which will be immediately instituted, will we trust throw some light on this issue, and apparently objectless, attempt to damage the Hotel and its occupants.

LOCAL.
THE Band of the 73rd Regt. will perform in the Public Garden on Tuesday, the 2nd June, at 5 P.M. The following is the programme:—
OVERTURE, "Masaniello," ... Abt.
QUADRILLE, "Miserere," ... Rossini.
SERENADE, "Miserere in Egitto," ... Rossini.
VARS., "Frederick's Palace," ... Heller.
GALOP, "Fritsch Tracht," ... Kuhn.
M. TROY, Band Sergeant, Conductor.

We are glad to notice the establishment of a "Relief Fund" in the 73rd Regiment. This fund is designed for the purpose of affording relief to the families of deceased soldiers of the Regiment, and is under the direction of a committee of officers belonging to the regiment, of which Lieut. Colonel Byrne is president. It may fairly be surmised, that if properly supported by the regiment itself, officers will step forward to render donations; and in a short time a sufficient amount of money will have been collected to outfit this institution to take rank among others of the same description at present extant in Her Majesty's army. For the benefit of the above named fund, there will be fortnightly entertainments in the Recreation Room, particulars of which will be published in programmes issued at least two days prior to the nights of entertainment. The first takes place this evening, when the Rev. W. R. Beech, Major, and Lieut. Edgumbe will give readings &c. There will also be some songs by the vocal company of the Regiment.

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sationally apposite to an event
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re distant readers will learn the
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to pass without expressing the
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LOCAL.

nd of the 73rd Regt. will perform
at Garden on Tuesday, the 2nd
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... "Messiaen," ... "Auber."
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of "Fund" in the 73d Regiment,
is designed for the purpose of
of relief to the families of deceased
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of a committee of officers be-
to the regiment, of which Lieut.
Durns is president. It may fairly
sed, that, if properly supported by
ment itself, others will step forward
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amount of money will have been
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ong others of the same description
ent extant in Her Majesty's army,
benefit of the above named fund,
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ation Room, particulars of which
published in programmes issued at
days prior to the nights of enter-
t. The first takes place this even-
ing. The Rev. W. R. Beech, Major
and Lieut. Edgcombe will give read-
There will also be some songs by
company of the Regiment.

an swimming race took place on
afternoon commencing about 4.30

p.m., between Messrs Wagner, McLeod,
Benecke, Grainger, Sim and Mowat. It
was won by Mr McLeod, who did the course
from the sea wall opposite the Police Sta-
tion at Kowloon to the *Princess Charlotte*
(back) in 38 minutes. The time
of the other competitors was:—Mr Wagner
39 minutes, Mr Benecke 39 minutes 30 se-
conds, Mr Grainger 40 minutes, Mr Sim 40
minutes 30 seconds, and Mr Mowat 40 mi-
nutes 40 seconds. The race was well con-
tested throughout.

We understand that the P. & O. vessel
Formosa will be despatched on Wednesday
morning to the scene of the *Benares* wreck,
with a view of saving whatever is possible.

On the morning of the 29th ult., as the two
masted fishing junk No. 1,111, was near
Chung Kwang-ko, in the Ly-cue-moon Passage
she was attacked by two snake-boats, who
succeeded in rifling her and carrying off
about \$100 worth of goods. The master of
the fishing-junk is dangerously wounded
having received a severe cut on the face,
and one of his arms is seriously hurt. He
is now in the Civil Hospital, but will prob-
ably recover. The fishing junk was not
taken by the pirates.—*Press*.

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Both Magistrates (Messrs May and Good-
lake) sat to-day and disposed of a number
of cases of comparatively little importance.
Two coolies were charged with having
stolen two large vase-like brass spittoons
from the new building at West Point,
near the Civil Hospital. An Indian watch-
man named Nuxamanto caught the pris-
oners in the act of getting over a wall, and
took them into custody. They dropped the
brass spittoons like hot potatoes. In de-
fence prisoners stated that they were coolies
awaiting an opportunity of going to Cali-
fornia, and that there were other coolies
(about forty) in the house. The case was
remanded.

Inspector Daly charged a Chinaman as a
suspicious character; he arrested him on
board of a junk at Sovekwan, but would
rather not state his reasons so far doing in
open Court. His Worship fined prisoner
\$50, or a month's imprisonment. The In-
spector informed his Worship privately of
prisoner's antecedents.

We copy the following paragraph from the
Japan Times, which has arrived in a Japanese
junk. We regret very much that they were
misinformed with respect to Mr Whitaker,
whose death we reported in our last *Over-
land Mail*. The greatest care should always
be taken in such cases, and that care we
certainly took; our report came to us from
the best possible source, but our informant
had themselves been deceived. Mr Whit-
aker is alive and well; it is the other pas-
senger who has not returned. It appears
that, on attempting to land at the island
whence this second boat's crew have come,
their boat was upset and Mr McCormick
and two of the three Japanese passengers
were beaten to death upon the rocks by the
heavy sea. From what we have heard, we
consider it our duty to urge the proper
authorities to hold a Court of Inquiry upon
the whole circumstances of the loss of this
ship. Her condition when she left this port
and the behaviour of the captain and his
chief officer when the vessel was abandoned.
Such an inquiry will be the best interest
of Captain Thomas at once to demand so
soon as he hears in Hongkong, whether he
has gone, of the recovery of the missing
boat's crew.

TIENTSIN.—Our spring races came off on
the 7th, 8th and 9th instant. On the first
day there were scarcely any Chinese specta-
tors, and I did not notice one respectfully
dressed man present. On the second day
there were some 200 or 300 Chinese spec-
tors, but still very few well dressed men;
and the third day was in every respect si-
milar to the second with regard to specta-
tors. None of the Chinese authorities
came to the races this spring, which can be
accounted for however by the present un-
settled state of this region, through the
proximity of the Nieuw rebels; said by
the authorities to be at Tientsin, 240 m.
distant. The grand stand was, as was
glad to see, graced by the presence of the foreign
ladies of the settlement; whose presence
gave the meeting a gay appearance; other-
wise it would have had a rather sombre
aspect. I have seen all the races at Tien-
tsin from the time the port was opened,
and, taken as a whole, I consider the parties
at the Spring Meeting of 1868, as the best
which have ever been brought together at
any meeting here. If the rebels had only
been put down in Spring, the Chinese re-
spectable classes would have been present at
the Foreign fete, and would have given
much pleasure to every resident at this
place.

The students, who went to Peking
to be examined for Jui-shu, just after the
opening of this river in March, are now
returning daily here, the examinations
being passed. I have not yet learned who
has been selected Chwang-yuen, the highest
degree of literary rank in China, at these
last examinations.

The news per *Yuen-kei-fai* from Tientsin
is to the effect that the Rebels have again
retired from the neighbourhood, and are
said to be hemmed between the Imperial
Forces and the sea.—*Recorder*.

We regret to learn by the *Outra*, that the
small steamer *Tatung*, which left this port
a few days ago, in tow of the *Feilong*, sank
about 60 miles from the Saddle; but we
are glad to hear there were no lives lost.
—*Ibid*.

We some time ago mentioned the report
that Teeng Kwo-Pan intended on his visit
to Shanghai to settle a dispute with refer-
ence to the erection of a Catholic Church
on the site at present occupied by a Chinese
temple. Such a dispute, we hear, was in
existence and was ultimately settled by the
Vice Roy; but at Sochow, not in Shang-
hai.—*Ibid*.

We hear that the Governor General of
Shanghai has been degraded two steps in
consequence of some irregularities in the
purchase of horses for the Imperial army.
It seems that contrary to the general prac-
tice, he limited his purchases to the Shang-
tung Province, thereby, as alleged, causing
a loss of the public money.—*Ibid*.

One day Joseph Jekyll, visiting George
Colman, observed a squirrel in his round
eyes, performing the customary operation
of turning it like a man in a treadmill.
"Ah! poor beggar," exclaimed he, "he's go-
ing the Round Circuit."

ATTEMPT TO BLOW-UP THE UNION DOCK COMPANY'S OFFICE IN THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

What motive could have inspired the
persons who laid and lit the gunpowder
bags in the Union Dock Company's Office
at the New Hotel last night?—This has
been the Colonial wonder throughout the
day; and so far as we at present know,
that wonder is likely to outlive the usual
period of nine days. The attempt was
made to destroy something either by explo-
sive means or by fire supposed to result
from such explosion, is clear enough; but
what the particular thing was against which
the diabolical attempt was made, or what
object the incendiaries had in making such
attempt, are at present questions of pure con-
jecture. That incendiaries, however, may have
the opportunity of drawing their own con-
clusions from the occurrences, we shall nar-
rate the facts as they have been given to
us by good authority.

About nine o'clock last night an explo-
sion was heard on the Hotel premises,
which was felt by gentlemen in the United
Club room just over the Union Dock Com-
pany's Office, at the corner nearest the
Clock Tower. To the Dock Office there are
three doors—one facing Queen's Road, one
on the North side communicating with the
Hotel Office, and another opening from the
main passage of the Hotel, the first of
which only is used. Immediately on the
being learnt that the scene of the commotion
was the Dock Office, Mr Duggan, the hotel
manager, had the last named door broken
open, when it was found that the room was
densely filled with sulphureous smoke. The
alarm of fire was at once given, and the
Hotel inmates turned out. Messrs Deane,
Gough and Jarman, with a force of police
on the scene; but before they had time to
get there, Mr Duggan and his barkeeper
(Mr Vaughan) had, by means of somewhat
risky groping about the room, found that
the cause of alarm was a comparatively
well-planned attempt to blow up the place
with gunpowder. Five torpedoes had been
laid, in various parts of the office, in the
shape of brown-paper parcels of from 1 to
13 lbs. of gunpowder, once which fired just
sides were laid. Our deposit was carefully
laid under the iron safe in which the
Company's books are kept, the door of
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CORRESPONDENCE.

IN BEHALF OF MACAO.

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instant, the following:—"While we re-
collect that in the previous war, Macao
unhappily shut her gates to British sub-
jects, she now protects them."—This is so en-
tirely at variance with my own experience
as a resident of Macao at the time—the
announcing you refer to the war growing out of
the Opium Seizure in 1839—that in justice
to the then Authorities and Portuguese
inhabitants of the city, it should be con-
tradicted. Pending communication with Great
Britain, Captain Elliott, Superintendent of
Trade at Canton, warned all British subjects
to leave that place, and naturally they went
to Macao, there being no other place to
which they could go, unless on board ships an-
chored off the Coast. When the Imperial
Commissioner Lin ascertained this, he or-
dered the Macao Authorities to drive them
away. At that time, Macao was under the
joint or rather divided Government of the
Portuguese and Chinese, the former having
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the Portuguese generally, the latter over their
own people solely; neither of these Au-
thorities acted on this order, beyond, as
regards the Chinese, their sending to the
Governor the usual chop requiring obedi-
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stay of the English at Macao, and drove them
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nese at Casa Branca and at the Barrier who
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to the City of Macao, prevented supplies
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existed, while prices of everything rose so
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of life were beyond the reach of the great
majority of the people, and there
seemed no amelioration of this state of
things, so long as the English remained.
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drive them out by force and to bombard
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march upon and completely destroy it. When
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selected for that purpose on account of the
likelihood of the perpetrators being left
undisturbed all day to make their prepara-
tions. Regarding the means of ingress and
egress, however, there are only three—viz.,
by using a lock-picking tool, by bringing
into use false keys, or by obtaining the keys
in the possession of the comptroller either
with or without his knowledge. That
the latter mode was that adopted by the fire-
branders, would seem to be the opinion
entertained by the authorities, as Lam
Awan, the comptroller, and Cheen Atuck,
the office-coolie, are both in custody at this
moment, having been arrested late last
night. They were this morning charged
by the Police Superintendent before Mr
Goodlake with having "feloniously set fire
to the Hongkong Hotel by the explosion
of gunpowder, on the night of the 29th
ultimo;" but no evidence was adduced,
and a remand until Friday was granted.
Bail (which was at first fixed at \$1000 for
the comptroller and \$100 for the coolie)
was refused altogether, on the representa-
tions of Mr Deane, and owing to the grave
nature of the charge. Neither the comp-
troller or the coolie have been in the Com-

pany's employ more than two months. We
observe that the Directors of the Dock
Company have offered a reward of \$500 for
the conviction of the "parties implicated."

The following account appeared in this
morning's *Daily Press*:

An unusual excitement was provided last
evening for the inmates of the Hongkong
Hotel, by an explosion which took place
shortly after nine o'clock, in the room of
the basement story occupied as the office of
the Union Dock Company. The drawing-
room of the United Club, which is situated
immediately over this room, was violently
shaken by the explosion, which at once
attracted everyone in the building to the
hall. The office of the Dock Company,
which was of course locked up, as it was
supposed to have been during the whole
day, was broken open by the manager of
the Hotel, and found to be filled with dense
sulphureous smoke. Into the midst of
this, the manager and the barkeeper groped
their way with a lamp, and after a while
discovered the precise spot where the ex-
plosion had taken place. The door leading
into the Hotel reading-room was charged
evidently from the effects of powder.
Searching about the office, the manager dis-
covered not less than six or seven more
torpedoes ready to go off. They consisted
of brown-paper bags of gunpowder, with
lighted joss-sticks laid across them. For
a long time, it is needless to say, the
search was carried on, at considerable risk.
The alarm of fire had been conveyed to
the Central Police-station immediately
after the explosion, and in a very short
time Mr Deane appeared on the scene. He
joined in the search and kindled several
more torpedoes concealed behind parti-
tions. A strong force of police, under Mr
Creagh and Mr Jarman, now arrived on the
scene with fire hoses, which were speedily
set in operation, and the office was flooded
with water. Mr Creagh searched the other
rooms in the basement floor of the build-
ing, but no further preparations for fire
were discovered. Constables were placed
at all the doors of the hotel, with orders
to allow no Chinamen to leave the building,
and the excitement gradually subsided.

Engines were going astern full speed, with
the fore top-sail and top-gallant sail all
back, assisting the engines in their labours;
but seemingly all professional and mecha-
nical skill were useless. The immense power
that bore the mail steamer *Benares* to her
untimely fate, now seemed inadequate to
release her from the grasp of her enemy.
By this time all was confusion on board,
every one running backwards and forwards
and asking questions such as, "Do you think
she will go down? Is the vessel making water?
Why are the boats not started and lowered
down?" At this time, one hour after she
struck, the boats were never thought of,
except one that was lowered for an officer to
go in and take soundings round the ship—
not even were the covers taken off, so as
to permit of fresh water and provisions
being safely stored in them to meet any
coming emergency. I was now stand-
ing cool and collected, resigned to my
fate, for I knew swimming was of no
avail, as one would be dashed on the
rocks and instantly perish. By this time
the stern began to swing round until
it took the rocks, and the vessel thus lay along
the line of the rocky island, one of the Fish-
erman's Group. Going on the rocks about
high water gave but little time for the
working of Engines to back her off. As the
tide began to recede a little after 12, and
the vessel began to heel over, our anxiety
and suspense increased, as we thought
every moment she would capsize and en-
gulf us all with her. Steadily she went
over, to about 35 degrees, when orders were
given to lower the boats: the starboard
ones were easily lowered, as she lay over
on that side; but the port ones could
scarcely be got into the water, as they all
lay nearly by. But after great delay and
using handspikes to clear them from the
ship's side, they were all successfully lower-
ed except one life boat. Orders were next
given "all hands to the boats," every one
taking the first boat he could get. I was
always led to understand there were regular
boat-stations in the P. & O. Co.'s
steamers, but seemingly there were none in
the *Benares*. The boats were ordered to
keep in company with each other until
the morning. The night by this time be-
coming hazy, we could not see a light more
than one thousand yards; but despite every
precaution, three of the boats were driven
out to sea. Anxiously we pulled backwards
and forwards, always keeping the vessel's
light in sight, so as to know our position
until the dawn of day broke upon us, and
revealed the real state of our disaster.
The hours seemed to pass so slowly that
we almost thought time was standing
in our forlorn condition. The Chinese
boatmen got sulky and would not pull
with a will; the *Lascars* sat down in
the boat crying "Allah," giving them-
selves up to the all protecting power of
the Deity; thinking they were going to
be lost, they calmly yielded, and made no
effort to save themselves; so we had to
take to the oars ourselves, and steadily all
night, with a laugh at a joke to encourage
each other, we pulled away until the dawn
of the morning of the 24th. Never did

